

Environmental Sustainability Board Meeting
Robinson Nature Center
November 13th, 2014

Board Members	OES Staff
Ned Tillman, Chair	Laura Miller
Cathy Hudson, Vice Chair	Elissa Reineck
Betsy Singer	Jim Caldwell
Sherman Howell	Kelly Dudeck
Mark Southerland	Lindsay DeMarzo
Katie Elicker	Bill Mahoney
Sandi Olek	
Rizwan Siddiqui	
Georgia Eacker	
Olivia Farrow	

Chair Ned Tillman started the meeting by asking if anyone had comments on the four categories of needs created at the August Board retreat, and it was agreed upon that food policy issues should be put under the leadership section.

General Discussion:

The Executive Elect has two appointments available on the Environmental Sustainability Board. Also, he plans to reconvene the Energy Task Force.

In order to support the new administration's goal of making the County a leader in stormwater management, we need to support and implement innovative projects that can provide a model for other jurisdictions. We also need to get documentation of everything the County has done relating to stormwater management into the UMD Sea Grant SMART Tool.

<http://www.extension.umd.edu/watershed/smart-tool>

Wood Waste Task Force Update by Cathy Hudson – The group is still meeting weekly and expects to issue a report in three weeks.

Gas Station Task Force Update by Rizwan Siddiqui – Recommendations have been finalized. A public meeting was held in early November and the report will be released on December 1.

Food Policy Task Force Update by Kelly Dudeck- A symposium on food is coming to Turf Valley <http://extension.umd.edu/news/image-agriculture-symposium-december-3-2014>. The last meeting of the Food Policy Task force will be 11-19-14. The Task Force is putting together a list of about 14 recommendations for the new administration. Recommendations are broad to allow for flexibility in implementation, but do include strategies for how to achieve the goals of the recommendations. The food hub and kitchen incubator ideas are gaining a lot of local support. The Roving Radish is coming to an end after 20 weeks, having served over 2300 meal kits; 50% of which were subsidized.

Director's Report (by Laura Miller on behalf of Joshua Feldmark) – The second phase of the energy performance contract and the solar canopy project were approved by the County Council.

Jim Caldwell added that he and Lindsay DeMarzo are finalizing a grant application to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for \$1 million to put into stormwater management through non-profit

programs. Stormwater has also received \$60k to support READY in maintenance efforts, in addition to their normal construction efforts. They are also initiating a native plants nursery at the detention center.

Student Representative Report by Katie Elicker – Katie's school and Environmental Club is doing a TerraCycle recycling drive. HCAST is working to suggest changing rules about food-based fundraisers in schools. They are also trying to encourage students to choose grocery store food over fast food.

Action Items:

Ned requested that everyone look at the Annual Retreat information as well as the introductory letter he sent out and provide comments.

Ned suggested that he send the new administration and transition team the latest version of the Annual Retreat information, last year's ESB report, and the circulated introductory letter regarding ESB/OES accomplishments.